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SUBJ: MODE - CUSTOMS STAFFING FOR PRECLEARANCE

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED CONFLICTING INFORMATION ABOUT HOW MANY POSITIONS WILL BE AUTHORIZED FOR THE FREEPORT CUSTOMS PRECLEARANCE. ASSUME 12 POSITIONS HAVE BEEN APPROVED.

2. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, HAVING AN ORGANIZATION UNDER THE EMBASSY'S AUTHORITY APPROXIMATELY 110 MILES FROM NASSAU WITHOUT A PERMANENT STATE REPRESENTATIVE ON SITE WILL HAMPER CONTROL AND COORDINATION.

3. THE EXTENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT HAS NOT BEEN FULLY DETERMINED AS ARRANGEMENTS ARE STILL BEING WORKED-OUT WITH VARIOUS HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, ETC. HOWEVER, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THERE WILL BE A NOTICEABLE IMPACT ON AVAILABLE EMBASSY RESOURCES.

PRESENT SERVICES RENDERED TO THE NASSAU CUSTOMS UNIT ARE:

A. BUDGET & FISCAL - ALLOWANCES, INVOICE PAYMENTS, MEDICAL CLAIMS AND EVACUATIONS.

B. VEHICLES - USE FOR DELIVERIES OF MAIL AND EFFECTS.

C. COMMUNICATIONS - CABLES, POUCH, TELEPHONE

D. PERSONNEL - ORIENTATION, GUIDANCE, LIAISON WITH HOST

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GOVERNMENT.

E. GENERAL SERVICES - CUSTOMS CLEARANCE OF HOUSE HOLD EFFECTS AND OTHER SHIPMENTS, ARRANGING PACKING AND SHIPPING OF EFFECTS, ASSISTANCE IN PROCUREMENT.

F. SECURITY - ORIENTATION, GUIDANCE, PROTECTIVE DEVICES SUPPLIED.

THESE SERVICES REQUIRE AN ESTIMATED 16 PERCENT AMERICAN MAN-

YEAR AND 78 PERCENT LOCAL MAN-YEAR AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY DOLS 18,500 PER YEAR. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT MOST OF THE ABOVE SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE FREEPORT CUSTOMS UNIT BUT AT A GREATER COST. FOR INSTANCE, ADMINISTRATIVE TRAVEL WILL AVERAGE ONE TO TWO WORK DAYS PER MONTH AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF DOLS 2,800 PER YEAR. COSTS IN TELEPHONE TOLLS, POSTAGE, TELEX ETC., WILL ALSO INCREASE ACCORDINGLY. POST ESTIMATES THAT DIRECT STATE COSTS TO SUPPORT U.S. CUSTOMS AT FREEPORT WILL BE APPROXIMATELY DOLS 22,800 PER YEAR.

4. AT THIS POINT, POST BELIEVES IT CAN ADEQUATELY SUPPORT THE 12 ADDITIONAL CUSTOMS EMPLOYEES WITHIN ITS PRESENT MANPOWER RESOURCES. HOWEVER, A REALISTIC EVALUATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT REQUIRED MUST BE POSTPONED UNTIL A LATER DATE.
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